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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence
Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

GSA General Regulation No. 5, December 19, 1950, prescribed revised standard forms for bonds used in connection with Government contracts.

Certain recommendations and suggestions relative to further minor revision of these forms have since been received. The purpose of this letter is to solicit your comments concerning these proposed changes which are enumerated below:

1. The necessity of continuing to show the rate and amount of premium charged, on the forms themselves, has been questioned. While it appears that this provision has no value in present GSA contract work, before deciding one way or the other relative to its deletion from the forms, your comments are requested.
2. A slight change in the wording of the condition of the bid bond, Standard Form 24, has been proposed. The basis for this change is to specifically take into account the requirements of the Miller Act. The proposed change in wording of lines 5, et. seq., of the condition with the changes underscored, follows:

"***and give two bonds with good and sufficient surety or sureties, as may be required, one for the faithful performance and proper fulfillment of such contract, the other for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material in the prosecution of the work provided for in such contract, ***."

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3. The necessity for an additional clarifying instruction so as to specifically provide for continuation of the current practice of expressing the penal sum of the bond as a percentage of the amount bid rather than as a definite dollar amount as called for on the present forms has been proposed.

Your comments on the above points as well as any other changes you may consider appropriate are requested prior to November 30, 1954. Further information concerning the above proposed changes may be obtained by communicating with Mr. R. S. Hooker, Office of Management, General Services Administration, Room 7310, General Services Building, Washington 25, D. C.; telephone EXecutive 3-4900 (Government Dial 156), extension 4457.

Cordially yours,


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Administrator